

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1-4

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

People: **The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Leader: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made known his salvation.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF CONFESSION

By Thy Mercy

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heav'n Thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore Thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear.

2. From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hard'ning pow'r of sin;
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within:

Chorus

By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord;
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

3. When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's pow'r;
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.

4. When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys, our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace:
Chorus

5. In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain;
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain;

6. In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day;
May our souls, on Thee relying,
Find Thee still our Rock and Stay.
Chorus 2X

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SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 16:33

In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

In Tenderness

1. In tenderness He sought me
Weary and sick with sin,
And on His shoulders brought me
Back to His fold again,
While angels in His presence sang
Until the courts of heaven rang.

Chorus

O - o - oh the love that sought me
O - o - oh the blood that bought me
Oh the grace that brought me to the fold of God
Grace that brought me to the fold of God

2. He died for me while I was sinning
Needy and poor and blind.
He whispered to assure me
"I've found thee; thou art Mine."
I never heard a sweeter voice.
It made my aching heart rejoice.
Chorus

3. Upon His grace I'll daily ponder
And sing anew His praise
With all adoring wonder
His blessings I'll retrace.
It seems as if eternal days
Are far too short to sing His praise.
Chorus x2

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 9:1-8, 32-24

¹ Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. ² And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. ³ And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the Lord their God. ⁴ On the stairs of the Levites stood Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani; and they cried with a loud voice to the Lord their God. ⁵ Then the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, "Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

⁶ "You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. ⁷ You are the Lord, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham. ⁸ You found his heart faithful before you, and made with him the covenant to give to his

offspring the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite. And you have kept your promise, for you are righteous.

³²“Now, therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love, let not all the hardship seem little to you that has come upon us, upon our kings, our princes, our priests, our prophets, our fathers, and all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria until this day. ³³Yet you have been righteous in all that has come upon us, for you have dealt faithfully and we have acted wickedly. ³⁴Our kings, our princes, our priests, and our fathers have not kept your law or paid attention to your commandments and your warnings that you gave them.

SERMON

“The Weight of Sin”

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

SONG OF RESPONSE

What Wondrous Love is This

1. What wondrous love is this
O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul, For my soul?
To bear the dreadful curse For my soul?

2. When I was sinking down
Sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown
For my soul, for my soul
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

3. To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

Bridge

And what wondrous love is this?
Though I raise my clenched fist,
He opened up my hand
To receive His gift.
And what wondrous love is here,
That God immortal has drawn near
And shed His blood
To close the rift?

4. And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And through eternity, I'll sing on.

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CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SENDING HYMN

Man of Sorrows

1. Man of sorrows, Lamb of God,
By His own betrayed;
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid.

2. Silent as He stood accused,
Beaten, mocked and scorned;
Bowing to the Father's will,
He took a crown of thorns.

Chorus

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation,
Where Your love poured out over me;
Now my soul cries out, 'Hallelujah!
Praise and honor unto Thee!'

3. Sent of heaven, God's own Son,
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree.
Chorus

Bridge

Now my debt is paid,
It is paid in full,
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled;
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me;
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed!
REPEAT
Chorus

4. See the stone is rolled away,
Behold the empty tomb;
Hallelujah, God be praised!
He's risen from the grave!

Chorus

Praise and honor unto Thee
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Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and
Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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